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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated September 16, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting and 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.